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SUBJ: TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE - DUBAI, UAE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS TLA FOR DUBAI BE INCREASED FROM CURRENT RATE OF \$20.00 PER DAY TO ACTUAL RATE OF \$50.00 PER DAY, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 19, 1975.

THIS REQUEST IS PREDICATED ON EXPERIENCE OF FSR HUGH J. TURNER, III WHO IS RESIDING IN HOTEL AT DUBAI WHILE WAITING FOR MUNICIPALITY AUTHORITIES TO TURN ON THE ELECTRICITY IN HIS APARTMENT.

2. THERE ARE ONLY THREE HOTELS IN DUBAI SUITABLE FOR NEEDS OF USG EMPLOYEES; THE CARLTON; THE INTERCONTINENTAL AND THE AMBASSADOR. THE RATES FOR SINGLE ROOMS WITH NO RPT NO MEALS VARY FROM 190 DIRHAMS TO 200 DIRHAMS PLUS 5 PERCENT MUNICIPAL TAX. HOWEVER THE INTERCONTINENTAL IS THE ONLY HOTEL WHICH WAIVES THE 5 PERCENT MUNICIPAL TAX FOR USG EMPLOYEES. THE RATE FOR THIS HOTEL IS 195 DIRHAM PER DAY.

3. TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORIZATION INDICATING INCREASE OF TLA TO REVISED FIGURE OF \$50.00 PER DAY VICE \$20.00 PER DAY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE IS : \$1.00 US EQUALS 3.943 DIRHAMS.

4. FYI BECAUSE OF ESTABLISHED GOVT. QUARTERS IN ABU DHABI TLA HAS NOT BEEN REQUIRED IN THE PAST. HOWEVER ROOM RATES IN ABU DHABI HOTELS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF DUBAI AND THESE RATES WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FORTHCOMING RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE DUE IN THE DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1976.

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